

Remarks

The following remarks are responsive to the Office Action dated November 24, 2004. The Examiner has indicated that the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of the present application as amended.

Specification

Item i) Specification - Description

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper reference to a drawing element. The specification has been amended as indicated above to amend "55" to "58." In addition, to correct minor errors, the specification has also been amended to properly identify elements, consistent with the original specification and drawings. Applicants aver that no new matter has been added as a result of the amendment. Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the specification objection.

Claims

Item ii) Claims

Non-elected claims have been objected to as being withdrawn and not cancelled. Claims 16-24 have been cancelled. There are no further amendments to the remaining pending claims 1-9, 12-15, and 25-33. Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

From the above, Applicants submit that pending claims 1-9, 12-15, and 25-33, with the above specification amendments and claim cancellations, overcome the objections presented and are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request allowance of the application.

If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the number provided below.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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